

AT THE COURT AT OSBORNE HOUSE,  
ISLE OF WIGHT,

The 31st day of July 1880.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY  
IN COUNCIL.

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to amend the laws concerning the burial of the dead in England beyond the limits of the Metropolis, and to amend the Act concerning the burial of the dead in the Metropolis," it is enacted that, in case it appears to Her Majesty in Council, upon the representation of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that, for the protection of the public health, the opening of any new burial ground in any city or town, or within any other limits, save with the previous approval of one of such Secretaries of State, should be prohibited, or that burials in any city or town, or within any other limits, or in any burial ground or places of burial, should be wholly discontinued, or should be discontinued subject to any exception or qualification, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that no new burial ground shall be opened in any city or town, or within such limits, without such previous approval, or (as the case may

require) that, after a time mentioned in the Order, burials in such city or town, or within such limits, or in such burial grounds or places of burial, shall be discontinued wholly, or subject to any exceptions or qualifications mentioned in such Order, and so from time to time as circumstances may require ; provided always, that notice of such representation, and of the time when it shall please Her Majesty to order that the same be taken into consideration by the Privy Council, shall be published in the London Gazette, and shall be affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some other conspicuous places within, the parishes affected by such representation, one month before such representation is so considered ; provided also, that no such representation shall be made in relation to the burial ground of any parish until ten days' previous notice of the intention to make such representation shall have been given to the Incumbent and Vestry Clerk or Churchwardens of such parish :

And whereas the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbents and the Churchwardens of the parishes hereinafter mentioned ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, has made a representation stating that, for the protection of the public health, no new burial ground should be opened in the under-mentioned parishes without the previous consent of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials should be discontinued therein, with certain modifications :

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the nineteenth day of May last, to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same should be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the twelfth day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and such Order has been published in the London Gazette, and copies thereof have been affixed, as required by the said Act :

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that no new burial ground shall be opened in any of the under-mentioned parishes without the previous approval of one of Her Majesty's



Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials in the said parishes shall be discontinued (except as herein otherwise directed), as follows, viz. :

**HILPERTON.**—Forthwith wholly in the Baptist Burial Ground at Hilperton, in the County of Wilts.

**HEADINGTON.**—After the 1st day of January, 1881, in those parts of Headington Churchyard, in the County of Oxford, which are North and South of the Church, except in existing vaults and walled graves, every coffin buried in which shall be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented, and except in earthen graves which can be opened without the exposure of coffins, or the disturbance of undecayed remains.

**BLICKLING.**—Forthwith in Blickling Churchyard, in the County of Norfolk, except in graves which can be opened without the exposure of coffins, or the disturbance of any human remains, except dry bones.

**FISHPONDS.**—Forthwith wholly in the Parish Church of Fishponds, in the County of Gloucester ; and in the Churchyard, except in vaults and walled graves, every coffin buried in which shall be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented, and except in earthen graves not less than five feet deep, which can be opened without the exposure of coffins.

**WESTERHAM.**—Forthwith wholly in the Parish Church of Westerham, in the County of Kent.

**BARTON-STEEPLE.**—Forthwith wholly in the Parish Church of Barton-Steeple, in the County of Oxford ; and in the Churchyard, except in existing vaults and walled graves, every coffin buried in which shall be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented.

**LETCOMB-REGIS.**—Forthwith wholly in that part of the Letcomb-Regis Churchyard, in the County of Berks, which is south of the Church.

SEDGEFIELD.—Forthwith in Sedgefield Churchyard, in the County of Durham, except in existing vaults and walled graves, every coffin buried in which shall be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented, and except in earthen graves, five feet deep, which can be opened without the exposure of coffins or of undecayed bones. And none but the families of those already buried to be interred.

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